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Residents' candidate wins in Hornchurch

HORNCHURCH Residents Association candidate John Charles Wood has won a seat on Havering Council following a landslide win in a by-election caused by the resignation of David Charles.

The full result for the St Andrews ward was: John Charles Wood (Hornchurch

Residents' Association) 1413; Garry Lee Pain (Conservative) 891; Michael Joyce (British National Party) 771; Graham Michael Carr (Labour) 455; Lawrence James Webb (Say No to European Union) 433; David Warren Durant (National Liberal Party) 291; Keith Ian Taffs (Liberal Democrat) 159. Turnout was 42.6%.

The political make-up of the Council is now: Conservative 33; Residents Group 12; Labour 2; Independent Local Residents 2; Rainham and Wennington Independent Residents 2; Hornchurch Residents Association 1; Liberal Democrat Focus team 1; British National Party 1.

Labour routed in county election

LABOUR has just one seat on Essex County Council after it took a hammering in last week's elections.

Julie Young was returned as the only Labour county councillor after winning Wivenhoe St Andrew ward and she reflected on a bad day for her party, saying: "It was the worst campaign I have ever had to endure and a very sad day for the Labour group, but I am sure we will be back."

Labour, who lost 12 seats overall, took a particular hammering in Basildon, where one of their casualties was group leader Paul Kirkman who said: "It's disappointing but these issues were decided on national, not local issues."

The Tories, who had their own disappointment in Castle Point where they lost a seat to independent Brian Wood, now have 60 of 75 seats on the Council and their leader, Lord Hanningfield, said: "I am honoured the people of Essex have so overwhelmingly endorsed the Conservative party."

The Lib Dems have emerged as the main opposition on the Council,



■ Euro votes being counted in Thurrock at Tilbury Cruise terminal. winning four additional seats to take their total to 13.

The full election results can be found at www.essex.gov.uk/myvote with full breakdowns of results and turnouts for each of the 75 seats.

● IN the European elections Labour beat off a challenge from the Greens to hold onto a seat in the Eastern region.

MEP Richard Howitt was run close by Green Party candidate Rupert Read but kept his seat as the line-up in the East stayed the same.

The Conservatives topped the poll

with 500,331 votes and kept three MEPs - Geoffrey Van Orden, Robert Sturdy and Vicky Ford.

UKIP were second with 313,921 votes and David Campbell Bannerman and John Agnew will represent them.

Mr Bannerman said of UKIP's win: "We've had a surge forward and we're a mainstream party now."

Andrew Duff retained his seat for the Liberal Democrats.

● LABOUR could draw some comfort from their European election result in London, as a loss of four per cent of the votes was less than anywhere else in the country.

The Conservatives took the largest number of London's seats, securing three and 27 per cent of the vote. Labour won 21 per cent of the vote and have two MEPs with the Liberal Democrats (14%), Greens and UKIP (11%) each winning a single seat.

London's eight MEPs are: Gerard Batten (UKIP), Mary Honeyball (Lab), Syed Kamall (Con), Jean Lambert (Green), Sarah Ludford (LD), Claude Moraes (Lab), Charles Tannock (Con) and Marina Yannakoudakis (Con).